John S. Grinels Has Been Local Ford Dealer 11 Years

John S. Grinels, of Grinels Motor Company, local Ford dealership, will be observing his eleventh anniversary in Appomattox on December 11. It is also the date for the Grand Opening of the new Grinels Motor Co. building on Route 460, just west of Appomattox.

Mr. Grinels is a native of Middlesex County, Virginia. He attended Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Va., finishing there in 1926. He attended the University of Virginia one year.

He married the former Miss Ida Hoppich, of Baltimore, Md., in 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Grinels have one daughter, Linda Carol, 6.

Prior to coming to Appomattox in 1945 to establish the local Ford dealership, Mr. Grinels was Regional Transportation Specialist for the Office of Defense Transportation.

He opened the Grinels Motor Company in the building on Route 160 in the Town of Appomattox, which was destroyed by fire April 5, 1956. It was to replace this building that the present new building was constructed.

Mr. Grinels is a member of Monroe Masonic Lodge No. 301, of which he is a Past Master. He is a member and Past President of the

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Appomattox Lions Club, and a Director at the Farmers National Bank. He is a member and Steward at the Memorial Methodist Church, and a teacher in the Church Sunday School.

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FORD CAR SETS CROSS COUNTRY RECORD

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dan was driven by Danny Eames and Chuck Daigh, of Long Beach, Calif. It was the same Ford that set an all-time endurance record in September at the Bonneville, Utah, Salt Flats. Eames, Daigh and 12 other drivers alternated at Bonneville in driving the Ford for 50,000 miles in less than 20 days at an average speed of 108.16 miles an hour. No other land vehicle ever had traveled so far in such a short time.

In addition to proving the Ford is a dependable car, Eames said, "This run demonstrates the tremendous improvement in the highway network of the nation in recent years. Better roads definitely have shrunk the distance between our two coasts.

Completion of the coast-to-coast run added one more national achievement to the list of 458 international and American records which were set in the time trials in Utah.

Riding with Eames and Daigh in the coast-to-Fcoast trip was Norris R. Friel, Nascar Technical Director, who certified that the drivers had complied with all traffic regulations.

He said Eames and Daigh not only made the trip in record time at the legal speed, but threaded their way through weeke-end traffic for more than two-thirds of the time. Departing from Manhattan via the Lincoln Tunnel Saturday, they encountered crowded highways up until Sunday night when they were on their way out of Kansas. At Wichita, Kansas, they were held up by a typical Sunday afternoon traffic jam.

"The Ford just took this trip in stride," Eames said. "It was only a mild workout after the 50-000 mile run we made two months ago, and there were no mechanical difficulties at any time during the trip."

FISH AND WILDLIFE OFFICIALS ENJOY VA. GOOSE HUNTING

The Hon. Otis Beasley, Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and Albert M. Day, former director of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, were guests for a goose hunt recently on the Wayanoke Plantation, on the James River in Charles City County, Virginia.

Secretary Beasley was one of the lucky men to knock a twelve pound goose out of the air.

Due to the cloudless skies, Director L. T. Quinn, of the Virginia Game Commission, said geese were mostly flying high, and only five were taken by the party.

ARMY "MULE"

The new U. S. Army "mechanical mule" is only 27 inches high. It can mount the Army's 106-mm recoilless rifle, a deadly anti-tank weapon.

Thomas Heads Parts Dept.

Charles R. Thomas is manager of the Parts Department for Grinels Motor Company.

Mr. Thomas came to Appomattox January 1, 1952, after a business career in Baltimore, Md.

He has been exceedingly active in community affairs in Appomattox and has won a prominent spot in the esteem of local citizens. He is Second Vice-president of the Appomattox Liona Club and chairman of its Boys and Girls Committee. He is Vice-president of the Appomattox High School Parent-Teacher Association. He is a member of the Memorial Methodist Church, where he is president of his Sunday School Class.

Mr. Thomas is a native of Baltimore, Md., as is Mrs. Thomas, the former Miss Charlotte T. Hoppich. They have a son, Brian, 14, a student at Appomattox High School.

HOMEMAKERS ITEMS

Small tears in net curtains can be mended by applying a thin coat of colorless nail polish to the tear and pressing the fruyed edges together with your fingers until the polish dries.

Coffee and tea stains in china cups can be removed quickly with baking soda and a damp cloth.

To be sure that your salt will pour when it is damp weather, coat the inside of the metal top of the shaker with a thin layer of paraffin. Prick through the holes.

Take small tomatoes and hollow them out. Combine small shrimps, chopped cooked eggs, and chopped cucumber mixed with a tart mayonnaise. Fill tomatoes with this salad mixture, chill in the refrigerator, and then serve on lettuce cups. Add plate of finger sandwiches or potato chips and have a perfect luncheon combination.

Keep yur eye on the remnant table of your local store. You may find just the piece you need for new table mats or new breakfast cloths. For cotton table linens, look for small over-all designs, or for butcher linen in gay colors, or for monks cloth. For trim, use contrasting colored yarn drawn through the mats to form a pattern near hemmed or fringed edges.

The easiest finishing trick of all for mats is fringing. When you have cut the cloth to the size you want, mark the depth to be frayed for the fringe. Draw out a yarn at this depth. Then machine stitch along the open line. Pull out crosswise yarns from cut edge to stitching. The line of machine stitching will keep the mat from "fringing" to pieces in the laundry, and will also give a more finished appearance to your table.

Grinels General Repair Shop

ABOVE: Interior view, showing part of general repair shop at new plant of the Grinels Motor Co., Appomattox.

GUEST MAKES PROFIT

Columbus, Ga.- A guest checked into a local motel, paid for his room and, in the middle of the night, checked out—with: A table model TV set, four sheets, two bedspreads, two lamps, two blankets, four towels, a bath cloth, a small rug, four pillows and their cases— all valued at $244.75.

4-TON TREE VANISHES

Detroit, Mich.- A four-ton had to be moved to make way an expressway and the Department of Public Works decided to set the tree on the lawn in front of D. P. W. headquarters. It was used as a Christmas tree. Soon it disappeared before they could haul it away.

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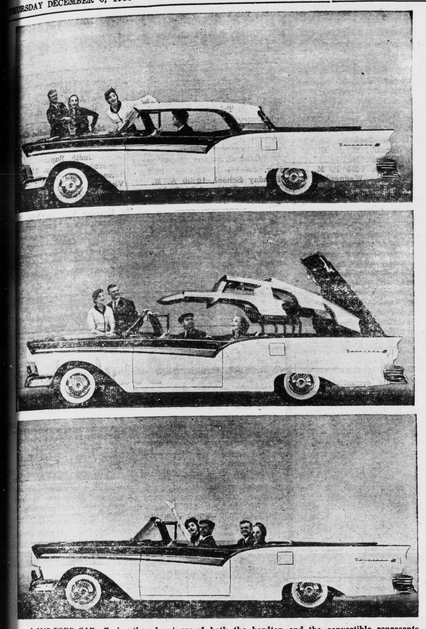

A 1957 FORD CAR offering the advantages of both the hardtop and the convertible represents the first revolutionary new idea in automotive design since the development of the closed car 40 years ago. To change the hardtop into a convertible, the driver simply presses a button and the all-steel top automatically slides into the trunk where it is completely concealed. It's equally simple to raise the top. The center picture shows the top in operation. Production of the car, a Ford first, will start in January.

Ford Introduces New Hardtop Model

Dearborn, Mich.- The first revolutionary new idea in automotive design since the development of the closed car 40 years ago was unveiled November 26 by Ford Division of Ford Motor Company. It is a hardtop model with a fully retractable steel top which at the touch of a button slides automatically into the car's trunk, according to John S. Grinels, of the Grinels Motor Company, of Appomattox.

The functional design of the first automatic all-weather car has resulted in a distinctive appearance previously unattained by any hardtop model. The new car combines the advantages of both a hardtop and a convertible.

Publication today of photographs of a finished model of the Ford Retractable ended nearly five years of secrecy. In that time, Ford's stylists and engineers perfected a design which has been a long-sought goal of the auto industry. The six passenger two door car is scheduled for production starting in January, and it will be sold by Ford dealers. It will be the featured car at the New York Automobile Show opening December 8.

Operation of the Retractable is deceptively simple. An instrument panel button is touched to raise or lower the steel top. Electric motors do the rest in a matter of seconds. But years of research were required to perfect the design. In the testing program, the top mechanisms have been operated approximately 10,000 times, equivalent to 30 years of normal service.

When the driver touches the top button, electric locks are released in the trunk lid and it rises up and back out of the way. Then locks are automatically released in the top, which swings up, back and down into the trunk. The trunk lid closes and locks itself. In 40 seconds, the car has been converted from closed hardtop sedan to an open-air vehicle. To change it back again, the top button needs only to be moved in the opposite direction. For complete safety, the mechanism will operate only when the car's transmission is in neutral and the ignition key is turned to the "accessory" position with the engine stopped.

Mr. Grinels said the Retractable was "another example of the type of advanced engineering, product improvement, and customer benefits which the public can continue to expect from Ford." He cited the introduction of the Thunderbird as a similar advancement.

"Since Ford cars attract larger numbers of customers who want exciting new products, the company is able to design innovations into the Ford line of cars which even the most expensive cars cannot offer today," Mr. Grinels explained.

Only twice during the long development period has Ford officially acknowledged that the Retractable Hardtop was being developed. During 1953, the company showed the press a dream-car scale model of the design idea. Three years later, during Ford's national press show last September, a full-scale prototype was shown to newspaper men in Detroit but the company maintained the tight secrecy lid which prevented photographs.

The revolutionary car bears definite family resemblance to Ford's Fairlane and Failane 500 series sedans. However, it is three inches longer over-all than are Ford's Fairlanes. The extra length provides rear deck space for the car's flat, streamlined roof which is literally swallowed in the trunk.

To permit nesting a full-width, rigid steel top nearly 90 inches long into the trunk, the designers moved the spare tire under a floor plate in the rear deck, and relocated the gas tank further forward in the deck. Luggage space is in the center area of the huge rear deck.

One design feature that makes the device workable is a special linkage extending to the front section of the roof. This permits the forward ten inches of the roof to swing back like a flipper, shortening the total length to be stored in the deck.

Another innovation is the counterbalancing that has been built into the entire top mechanism. It works as easily as the regular Ford hood and deck lid, which are spring-balanced for easy opening. Small fractional horsepower motors that drive the retractable top require the same amount of current needed to operate a conventional canvas convertible top.

Also His Birthday

Next week will be a big week for John. S. Grinels, local Ford dealer. In addition to the 11th anniversary of Grinels Motor Co. and the Grand Opening in the new plant on Dec. 11, it so happens that Dec. 10 will be Mr. Grinels' birthday.

Two of Original Employees

Grinels Motor Co. has two of the original employees on its staff who began with the firm when it was established here 11 years ago.

They are: Wilson Adams, who has been in the parts department, and is now in the radiator department; and John Smith, the service department.

SALES DEPARTMENT

The Sales Staff at Grinels Motor Company is headed by D. R. Turns and Judson Morris.

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